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- Copies of the cited references are enclosed except those entered in prior application, U.S. Application No. [], to which priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 is claimed. [The earlier application contains copies of the cited references.]

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- The "concise explanation" requirement (non-English references) for reference(s) [] under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) is satisfied by:

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- submission of the enclosed International Search Report.

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[] A copy of each above-cited application, including the current claims, is enclosed.

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The Examiner is requested to return a copy of the above list of pending applications indicating which references were considered with the next office communication.

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